

**CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at approximately 2:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Miceli called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present in the room.

CMC Members Present In-Person

Dan Hall, *Chair*

Chris Ordonez

Dave Rivera

Dayna Fendrick

Don Scott

Karen Homiak

CMC Members Absent

Alison Bickett, *Vice-Chair*

John Lambcke

Justin Martin

Omar De Leon

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Planner III

Dusty Hansen, Planner II

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

Others Present

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning Planner III

Tony Khawaja, Collier County Traffic Operations

Haris Domond, Collier County Traffic Operations (*arrived during item 8A*)

Ian Debnam, Benesch

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Scott moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Homiak seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the September 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the September 17, 2025 minutes. Mr. Scott seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

None.

B. MPO

Ms. McLaughlin said three candidates were selected to interview for the Collier MPO Executive Director position at the December 11, 2025, MPO Board meeting, and that there was good news on one of the Congestion Management projects.

Mr. Khawaja confirmed that a project's equipment costs came in lower than expected and, due to advances in technology, only a single device was required.

Ms. McLaughlin said that **Ms. Hansen** would be facilitating the CMC meetings moving forward and **Mr. Kingston** would be facilitating the Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB) meetings.

C. Other

(i) City of Naples

None.

(ii) Collier County Public Transportation & Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE)

None.

(iii) Collier County Transportation Planning

None.

(iv) Collier County Traffic Management Center (TMC) Operations

None.

(v) Lee County MPO

None.

7. Committee Action

None.

8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. Congestion Management Process Update

Ms. Hansen said a Congestion Management Process (CMP) plan is required for MPO's with a Transportation Management Area (TMA) population of over 200,000, which must be updated every five years. The last CMP update was in 2022. The 2027 CMP update in progress includes a Collier and Lee MPO regional element. Consultant Benesch is working with both Collier and Lee MPOs.

Ms. McLaughlin recalled that when the top ten congested corridors were presented to the MPO Board in 2022, she was asked why the US 41 corridor from Davis Blvd to 5th Ave was not included, since it was very congested. She noted that for the current CMP update, it would be important to avoid disconnects between the MPO, the Committee, and the Board, and emphasized that Committee input on the process and criteria is vital.

Mr. Debnam provided a presentation (which can be viewed in the November 19, 2025 CMC Agenda).

A group discussion followed, which included mention that the County relies heavily on the Annual Update and Inventory Report (AUIR) for guidance when selecting congestion management projects. Although a multimodal approach is valuable, our current multi-modal infrastructure is not developed to the degree that it provides meaningful congestion relief in our area. It was also mentioned that Lee County is experiencing funding shortfalls, east-west traffic to and from Immokalee continues to be a challenge, costs for a proposed Everglades Blvd. Interchange are rising, and restructuring is needed at Golden Gate Blvd. An overpass and a proposed bridge to ease evening traffic were mentioned, along with the need to identify anything that may have been missed during the last CMP update.

Technology was discussed, highlighting that Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) updates are often outpaced by funding delays. Grant-purchased cameras are audited by serial number. Questions arose about Local Agency Program (LAP) updates and requirements and associated FDOT agreements. **Mr. Domond** said it would be helpful to agency staff if ITS locations could be generally identified by corridor on congestion management project applications, as committing to specific locations five years in advance is not always feasible. **Ms. Hansen** indicated that project costs should be updated periodically and **Mr. Khawaja** added that it should be done before execution of a LAP agreement.

Attention then turned to data, safety, and funding. Safety has had a significant impact on the CMP evaluation criteria, but congestion remains a priority. **Ms. McLaughlin** mentioned that with less funding identified in the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Plan, calls for projects might occur less often, and funding timelines already show a backlog, with current projects extending through FY2033 and new projects expected to be funded beginning in FY2034. **Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that over the

next five years, the MPO's SU box funds available for calls for projects for both congestion management and safety is only \$7.5 million (\$1.5 million per year).

This item was presented for presentation and discussion only.

B. FDOT FY 2027-2031 Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program

Ms. McLaughlin said FDOT released the FY 2027-2031 Draft Tentative Work Program to Collier MPO on October 14th. FDOT's formal presentations and public hearing on the draft Work Program took place in-person in Fort Myers and Bartow and virtual options were offered the week of October 20th. The initial comment period ended on October 24th. **Ms. McLaughlin** stated that there were no surprises, although a few bike-ped projects were removed from the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Central Office was investigating the reason. **Ms. McLaughlin** asked the Committee to peruse the draft and provide feedback. Collier County Department Head, Trinity Scott, raised concerns to FDOT regarding several issues with multiple ongoing projects, which were being addressed by FDOT.

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9. Member Comments

None.

10. Distribution Items (No presentation)

A. 2026 Collier MPO Meeting Calendar

This item was distributed.

11. Next Meeting Date

January 21, 2026, 2:00 p.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

There being no further comments or business to discuss, **Chair Hall** adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.